

TEEN SERVICES 101

Week 2: Collections

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So,
YOU WANT TO BE A
Teen Librarian

RULE#1

Whip Thy
Collection
Into
Shape



www.5minlib.com

Selection Tools



BARNES & NOBLE

teenreads



amazon.com

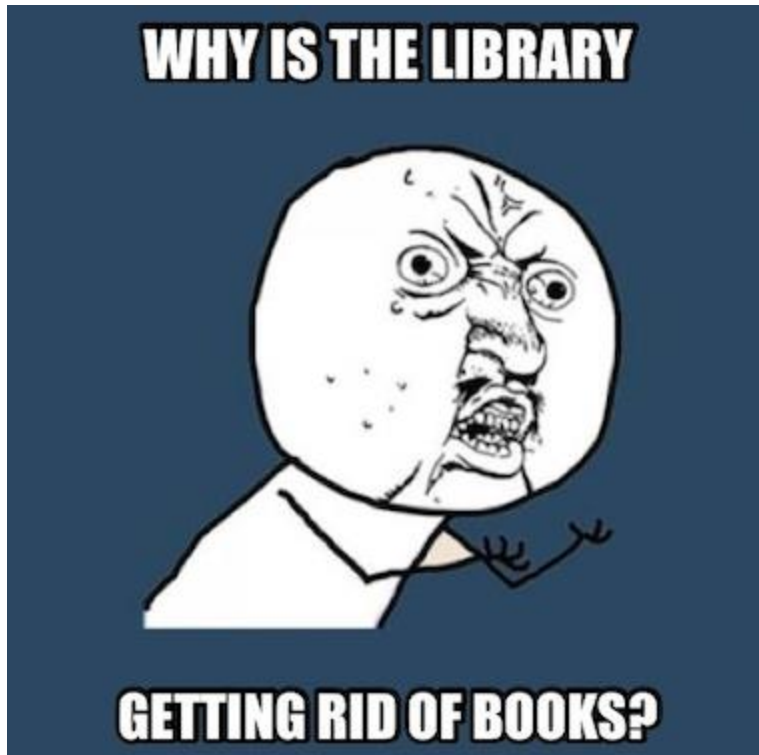
Blogs and websites

- Teenreads.com
- [SLJ Blog Network](http://SLJBlogNetwork.com)
- [NoFlyingNoTights](http://NoFlyingNoTights.com)
- <http://www.diamondbookdistributors.com/>
- <http://www.readbreatherelax.com/>

Evaluating your selection tools

- Who is the reviewer?
 - Professional?
 - Unbiased?
 - Thorough?
- Context
 - What else do they review?
 - Are reviews written for readers or librarians?
- Book Lists
 - [ALA awards – Newberry, Printz, National Book Award, etc.](#)
 - Vermont Book Awards – Dorothy Canfield Fisher, GMBA
 - [Teens Top Ten](#)
 - [BBFA](#)

Weeding



Fitting into the rest of the library

- What is the age range?
- Is there any overlap between YA and Children's sections?
YA and the adult section?
- Do you need to duplicate any titles?
- Are graphic novels separate?
- What other items do you have in the YA collection?
 - Movies
 - Magazines
 - Video games
 - Music

This week's assignment

- First, make a list of all the materials you'd like to have for teens in your library. Don't forget about magazines, graphic novels, video games, movies, etc. Really think about what they'd want and need.
- Then, make a list of all the sources you'll use to find those materials. These can be journals, magazines, websites, blogs, or the resources for VTLIB. Annotate your list with pros and cons.
- Then write a paragraph about budget. What can you afford right now? Where are your immediate priorities? Will you plan to make a case for a larger budget? How will you do that? What will you buy with the additional funds?
- Don't forget to think about the age range of your collection and your space. Where will all of these things go? Will they be interfiled with adult material or children or on their own?